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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

Application Number	09/602,305
Filing Date	6/23/2000
First Named Inventor	Fisk et al.
Group Art Unit	2171
Examiner Name	Leroux, Etienne Pierre
Attorney Docket No.	MICR0511

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other _____

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Request for Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the Final Office Action dated 4/2/04, set to expire on 7/2/04, be extended by 1 month to expire on 8/2/04. The \$110 fee is enclosed herewith in the check noted below

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4. Claim Status

Computation of Fee For Claims as Amended					
	Claims Remaining after Preliminary Amendment Submitted Herewith	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	32	32	-0-	x \$18	\$-0-
Independent Claims	2	3	-0-	x \$86	-0-
ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE					\$ 0
RCE FEE(S)					\$770
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE					\$110
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ <u>880</u>

5. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-1940.

- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Any additional required fees
- iv. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Check No. 7583 in the amount of \$880 is enclosed, which includes the \$770 large entity RCE filing fee, and the \$110 1-month large entity extension of time fee.

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Date: August 2, 2004

EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE

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